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March 6, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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22313-1450**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE application of: **PALMER, Robert M.**  
Serial No.: 10/810,593  
Filed: March 29, 2003  
Title: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING  
SOLIDS FROM DRILLING SLURRY  
Group: 1724  
Examiner: Peter A. Hruskoci  
Attorney Reference: P 272 US

Dear Sir:

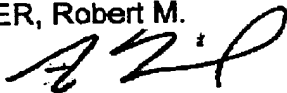
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 5, 2005.

Please charge our AMEX account in the amount of \$225 as per the extension fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity. Please also credit any overpayment or deficiency to this same account.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER, Robert M.

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